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and fabrication work has commenced on 1-12-1989.

Excavation and levelling job could not be started due to agitation by the local inhabitants. Boiler foundation were schedueld to be ready by June, 1990 but due to agitaion at site, delay is now anticipated. Since the project is under implementation in the State Sector, it is for the State Authorities to take necessary measures to step up the progress. Unit 1 and 2 are now expected to be commissioned in 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

Implementation of New Thermal Power Projects in Orissa during Eighth Plan

2800. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals from the Orissa Government for the implementation of new thermal power projects during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects; and

(c) the action taken by Central Government in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) Ib Valley Thermal Power Project, sanctioned by the Planning Commission, is under implementation in the State Sector in two phases; Phase-I envisages installation of two units of 210 MW each during 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively. Orders for main plant and equipment for installation of two units of 210 MW each under Phase-2 have not been placed so far. The progress of work at site is slow. The progress has further retarded on account of agitation by the local inhabitants against the Power House work.

C.B.I. Enquiry against the Officials of Prevention of Food Adulteration

2801. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of the Central Bureau of Investigation (Anti Corruption Branch), Delhi have taken certain files of the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi for scrutiny during the year 1990 ;

(b) if so, whether the scrutiny has since been completed ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi is not aware of these details.

Setting up of Industries with by products from Neyveli Lignite Corporation

2802. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government propose to start industries with the help of by-products from the Neyveli Lignite Corporation to uplift the rural population ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN) : (a) and (b). The by-products produced by Neyveli Lignite Corporation include phenol, ortho cresol, multivalent phenol, meta para cresol and xylenol. NLC, at present, does not have any plan to start industries using these by-products since NLC is concentrating on higher level of production in mining and linked power generation.

However, the Industrial and Technical Consultancy Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ITCOT) have conducted a study and expressed the view that there is scope for setting up an exclusive industrial estate near Neyveli based on NLC's by-products and intermediates.

Payments to Contract Sweepers in Air India

2803. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total payment being made by Air India to the contract sweepers employed in its establishment ;

(b) whether any hike in their pay is being made as a result of any court case ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) whether the casual labourers will also be paid the same amount that is being paid to the sweepers or its equivalent ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) The total amount paid by the Air India to the contractors works out to Rs. 9,78,651/- per month.

(b) and (c). The United Labour Union representing the employees of the contractors engaged in sweeping/cleaning of Air India premises filed 3 writ petitions. in the Bombay High Court on which orders were passed in December, 1989. The Management preferred appeals against the judgement of the Bombay High Court which passed an *ad-interim* order directing the Corporation to deposit a sum of Rs. 1,000/- per month per worker from December, 1989. This amount can be withdrawn by the union subject to certain conditions, for distribution among the affected workers, covered by the writ petitions.

(d) No, Sir.

Casual Laboureres Employed Against Regular Vacancies in Air India

2804. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of casual labourers employed by Air India against regular vacancies in various airports in India ;

(b) whether these casual labourers are recruited through notification or on the basis of recommendations of Individuals/ Organisations ;

(c) whether Government propose to abolish the appointment of casual labourers against regular vacancies ; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) The number of casual labourers employed by